

## A Rare But Winsome Virtue

In His Steps.

There is no trait of character so winsome or attractive as unselfishness. It is a virtue that cannot be simulated. It has its source and sustenance in love. It survives as it surpasses all other graces. It gives its possessor an untold influence and power over less noble natures. And one of its beauties is its want of self-consciousness. As Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with God, so the unselfish are not aware of the light that glows in their countenances and the hallowed, inspiring influence that constantly goes forth from their lives.

The unselfish are the true immortals. They never die. Their good deeds live after them. They are held in everlasting remembrance. They are the true inheritors of the earth, for whatever is worth possessing is theirs. We have a beautiful illustration of this grace in an account which Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, gives of a suffering sister: "Intense love, almost to annihilation of selfishness; a daily martyrdom for twenty years, during which she adhered to her early-formed resolution of never talking about herself; thoughtful about the very pins and ribbons of my wife's dress, about the making a doll's cap for a child, but of herself save as regarded her improvement in all goodness, wholly thoughtless; enjoying everything lovely, graceful, beautiful, high-minded, whether in God's work or man's, with the keenest relish; inheriting the earth to the fullness of the promise."

What a beautiful life! An ideal life, a life of perfect love.

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

## Begin Each Day With Prayer.

Alexander McLaren.

I begin my day's work some mornings, perhaps wearied, perhaps annoyed with a multiplicity of trifles which seem too small to bring great principles to bear upon them. But do you not think that there would be a strange change wrought in the petty annoyances of every day, and in the small trifles that all our lives, of whatever texture they are, must largely be composed of, if we begin each day and task with the old prayer, "Rise, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered?" Do you not think there would come a quiet in our hearts, and a victorious peace to which we are too much strangers? If we carried the assurance that there is one that fights for us into the trifles as well as into the sore struggles of our lives, we should have peace and victory. Most of us will not have many large occasions of trial and conflict in our career; and, if God's fighting for us is not actual in regard to the small annoyances of home and daily life, I know not for what it is available. "Many little make a mickle," and there are more deaths in skirmishes than in the pitched field of a great battle. More Christian people lose their hold of God, their sense of His presence,

and are beaten accordingly, by reason of the little enemies that come down on them, like a cloud of gnats on a summer's evening, than are defeated by the shock of a great temptation, which calls out their strength and sends them to their knees to ask for help from God.

## Living in the Presence of the Unseen

Bishop Huntington.

We want this bond of unity between "the dead" and "the living" to throw a purifying and ennobling influence into our present daily life to save it from sinking, as our life is so terribly tempted to do, into a besotted mammonism, an insane frivolity, or a miserable selfishness; to make it a noble and ever more perfect preparation for what is to come. We are tempted hourly to unclean temptations, to covetousness and bad temper, to envying and evilspeaking, to indolence, impatience, and unbelief. Now one of the great powers by which we are to struggle against these successfully is the certainty of a day when Christ—Who is life to those that love Him, and Whose eyes are like a flame of fire to those that are untrue to Him and unrighteous to each other—shall appear. Even in these self-seeking earthly streets the Christian is to walk unselfishly and unblamably, his pride humbled, his temper controlled, his motives godly. Whatever is done in word or deed is to be done in the name and spirit of the Lord Jesus risen from the dead, by those who are on the way to meet Him.

## The Secret of a Useful Life

Holiness Berean.

How refreshing it is to come in contact with a really spiritually minded person—one who knows God, whose fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ! We may learn more from an hour's intercourse with such an one than from a day's study of the Bible alone. These thoughts come to us after meeting an old friend of former years and enjoying a conversation on the life of trust and the leadings of the Divine Spirit. Our friend had passed thru the fiery furnace and had encountered trials that would have tested the courage and faith of the most heroic, but the storms simply cleared the atmosphere and caused the Sun of righteousness to shine more brightly in the heart. This friend has evidently entered into a close and loving union with God, the relation of which experience was most inspiring.

The poor in this world's goods, she is rich in faith and heir to a kingdom—indeed the child of a King. Being thus related to the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, there is weight to her words and potency to her influence. There are possibly but few, if any, in church or society whose life tells more powerfully for the uplifting of the fallen and the extension of scriptural holiness. Her courage which is of the martyr type is based on entire consecration to God and the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

## Missions

## Indiana State Missions

Secretary's report for the six months ending March 31, 1901.

## RECEIPTS

By Secretary:	
Fairview,	\$ 26 10
Flora,	3 55
Union Salem,	1 50
Mrs Leonard on Goshen fund,	1 00
Salem Sunday-school,	2 00
Brighton,	4 05
H. I. Bowman, Roann,	47 08
On dollar pledges,	48 00
Total,	\$133 28

By G. W. Rensch:	
In October,	\$ 6 00
In November,	7 00
In December,	1 50
In January,	2 00
Total,	\$16 50

By evangelist, A. S. Menaugh, 85

## EXPENDITURES

To G. W. Rensch for six months' service in Goshen,	\$200 00
To A. S. Menaugh:	
Six months' service at North Liberty,	\$ 31 25
To two days at New Highland,	4 00
To expenses,	2 35
To W. H. Miller, expense as secretary,	3 00
Total,	\$240 60

## SUMMARY

Cash in treasurer's hands Oct 3, 1900,	\$185 32
Receipts for 6 months,	150 63
Total cash and receipts,	335 95
Expenditures,	240 60
Cash on hand April 5, 1901,	\$ 95 35

Wm. H. MILLER, Sec.

North Manchester, Ind.

## Chicago Mission

There is an interesting type of antiquity promenading our city in the guise of a "new religion" from the effete east, under the name of "Babism." That they are making proselytes goes without saying. I recently talked with a lady who was once a Methodist, but has recently embraced the "mysterious Babism."

If my readers have read carefully the literary periodicals of the day, you will have read of this latest religious fad. Its votaries proclaim it as a "new manifestation," a sort of re-incarnation from Persia, the land of the ancient Zoroaster, and the present stronghold of Mohammedanism. But to the man acquainted with the ancient history of the east, and especially its antiquated religions, it is not *new*, but on the contrary *very old*.

They claim to accept the Savior as one of the manifestations of God, but also claim this later as a "new manifestation." I would like to notice at length this latest development from pagan lands, but time and space forbids. I will only call attention to its widest difference from the religion of Jesus.

You ask these men about their work and success and they will at once point to a "very rich lady" in California, who has